

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/638,650

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's Amendment (2/13/2007) and Ex. Amend. (8/31/2007).
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6-10,14,15,25-31,47,51,52,54-62,66 and 73-77.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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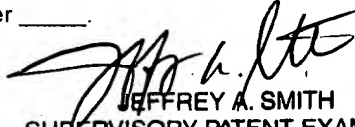
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/28/2007
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiners amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeff McFadden on 8/28/2007.

The application is amended as follows:

In the Title

The Title has been changed to read as follows:

--System, Method and Computer Readable Medium For Acquiring And Analyzing Personal History Information—

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A computer based method for acquiring life history information from an applicant for employment to minimize positive response bias and enhance the veracity of the acquired life history information, comprised of:

presenting to the applicant a collection of questions related to life history information, the life history information comprising information about more than one life event, the question collection being comprised of a revealed stem question relating to a

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first life event that occurred at a first time and a hidden branch question relating to a second life event that occurred at a second time;

receiving from the applicant a response to the revealed stem question and storing the revealed stem question response in a computer database;

based on the revealed stem question response, automatically determining whether to present the hidden branch question to the applicant;

if, after the automatic determination, the hidden branch question is to be presented to the applicant, revealing the hidden branch question to the applicant, receiving from the applicant a response to the hidden branch question and storing the hidden branch question response in the computer database; and

determining a critical item, the determination identifying a chronological inconsistency, based on the response to the revealed stem question compared to the response to the hidden branch question, and wherein the critical item has been empirically related to a predefined negative outcome.

15. (currently amended) A computer readable medium comprising software for acquiring life history information from an applicant for employment to minimize positive response bias and enhance the veracity of the acquired life history information, wherein the software instructs a computer to:

present to the applicant a collection of questions related to life history information, the life history information comprising information about more than one life event, the question collection being comprised of a revealed stem question relating to a

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first life event that occurred at a first time and a hidden branch question relating to a second life event that occurred at a second time;

receive from the applicant a response to the revealed stem question and storing the revealed stem question response in a computer database;

based on the revealed stem question response, automatically determining whether to present the hidden branch question to the applicant;

if, after the automatic determination, the hidden branch question is to be presented to the applicant, revealing the hidden branch question to the applicant, receiving from the applicant a response to the hidden branch question and storing the hidden branch question response in the computer database; and

determine a critical item, the determination identifying a chronological inconsistency, based on the response to the revealed stem question compared to the response to the hidden branch question, and wherein the critical item has been empirically related to a predefined negative outcome.

52. (currently amended) A computer-based system for acquiring life history information from an applicant for employment to minimize positive response bias and enhance the veracity of the acquired life history information, comprising:
a user interface for:

presenting to the applicant a collection of questions related to life history information, the life history information comprising information about more than one life event, the question collection being comprised of a revealed stem question relating to a

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first life event that occurred at a first time and a hidden branch question relating to a second life event that occurred at a second time; and

receiving from the applicant a response to the revealed stem question and storing

the revealed stem question response in a computer database; and

a computer processor that:

automatically determines whether to present the hidden branch question to the applicant based on the revealed stem question response;

if, after the automatic determination, the hidden branch question is to be presented to the applicant, reveals the hidden branch question to the applicant, receives from the applicant a response to the hidden branch question and stores the hidden branch question response in the computer database; and

determines a critical item, the determination identifying a chronological inconsistency, based on the response to the revealed stem question compared to the response to the hidden branch question, and wherein the critical item has been empirically related to a predefined negative outcome.

EXAMINER COMMENTS

In view of Applicant's Arguments submitted on 2/13/2007 and the attached Examiner's Amendment, the rejection of the last Office action is withdrawn, and the claims have been determined to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is as follows:

JP 11338881A, Miyamoto, Atsushi et al., December 10, 1999, discloses a system for mediating job offering and job hunting.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell S. Glass whose telephone number is 571-272-3132. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on 571-272-6776. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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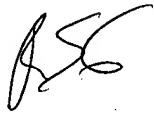
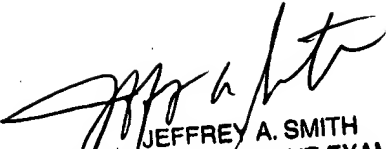
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